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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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February 6, 1961

Dear Allen:

Thank you for your letter of February fifth pointing out that CIA has certain views about the Congo which would have been presented last week if our intended processes of coordination had been a little more successfully carried out. I think the President is well aware of the circumstances of this particular case, and I know that he intends to be sure that the views of the Agency are fully presented, both in task force discussions, and wherever it is necessary to the President himself, in the future. In the circumstances, I doubt if it would be useful to circulate a correction to the Record of Action, but I have asked Mr. Lay to include your letter and this answer in our files so that the point will be quite plain in the event that some question should arise about this particular set of discussions in the future.

Sincerely,

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McGeorge Bundy

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles

Feb 8 '61 The Director of Central Intelligence

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his letter

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Dear Mac:

The record of action of the NSC Meeting of February 1, 1961 states that a recently adopted course of action dealing with Congo problems had been coordinated with the CIA. As I mentioned to you by telephone, as soon as I saw this record of action, I believe the above statement is based upon a misunderstanding since the course of action referred to was not so coordinated.

Policy recommendations are not the functions of this Agency; however, if the coordination process had been carried out in this particular instance, the Agency would have submitted intelligence considerations which might have suggested certain changes in, or additions to, the actions proposed.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

The Honorable McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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b. The Secretary of the Treasury stated that the Departments of State and Treasury were agreed that it would be desirable to make an early offer to the new President of Brazil of a \$100 million Export-Import Bank loan. Mr. Dillon was hopeful that the Bank would agree to take this step.

c. The Council discussed a possible change in U. S. policy relating to the bunkering of Free World ships under Communist Chinese charter, provided such ships were carrying only food and paid cash. The President requested that the Secretary of State study this question further, particularly whether any such change in policy could be at the request of the Canadian Government.

d. The Secretary of State outlined a new proposed policy on the Congo which was being submitted to the President today after coordination with the Department of Defense and the Central Intelligence Agency. The President subsequently reviewed and approved the State Department's proposal.